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Halloween Art Winner

Daniel Swenson

William Stillwell's portrayal of Charon conducting Hecate along the River Styx.

Senior Makes Goblins Pay Up in Art Contest

By Andrea Stone

The goblins and witches were on our side this fall when Senior William Stillwell was awarded first prize in the Halloween Art Contest. But all fourteen schools that participated in painting the windows along 86th Street enjoyed the clear, crisp weather that seemed to make this contest a little different from the others.

William's prize-winning picture, which adorned the windows of the French Art Studio, portrayed Charon conducting Hecate, queen of the witches, along the River Styx on a trip through the underworld. The color was principally vivid red and caught the immediate attention of passers-by.

Art Chairman Happy

Miss Anna C. Dick, chairman of the Art Department, and chairman of the contest, was happy that Hamilton took first and fifth places in the high school division, along with five honorable mentions.

"What equally pleases me," she added, "is the community's interest in the welfare of our teenagers. This year 86 merchants allowed us the use of their windows, and we are grateful to them for giving us this privilege."

Santo Lucatorto Fifth

Senior Santo Lucatorto, assisted by Ralph Hansen and James McGrath, was awarded fifth prize. Honorable mentions went to Susan Holod, assisted by Karen Korsun and Margo Lazaro; Pam Erickson, assisted by Christine Guarino and Lindy Smith; Lynn Farbstein, assisted by Susan Downer and Rose Calbert; Georgia Matsukas, assisted by Olga Franzo and Ellen Barton; and Diane Scotto, assisted by Paula Hoffman and Rocco Riccardelli.

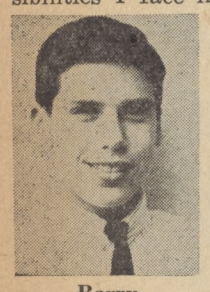
When William, first-prize winner, was asked how he felt, he said that he was "completely stunned." Then he exclaimed, "First I couldn't say a word, but when Senator Conklin himself congratulated me, I knew it was true!

"However, I couldn't have won were it not for my two excellent assistants, Lynne Jacobson and Reynaldo Padilla. When three people work together on one picture, there has to be a great deal of cooperation."

Boy Leader Barry Poret Aims for Medical Career

By Susan Wilson

"I am fully aware of the responsibilities I face in my job and hope to fulfill them faithfully," said Barry Poret, Boy Leader of Arista. Barry is the senior with a winning grin and a long stride, characteristic of his good disposition and easy, vigorous manner.



Barry

A Boy Leader's duties consist of working daily the eighth period and after school in the office of Mrs. Mary Catania, college coordinator and Arista adviser. Among his numerous duties are the examination of college and Arista applications.

In discussing Arista, Barry stated seriously, "What results from the work put into this society is more than just worthwhile. Arista is an institution that serves as a goal to aspiring students, and I welcome the opportunity to do all I can to perpetuate its high ideals."

Scholastics to Athletics

This busy senior's interests range from scholastics to athletics. He is active in the Junior Peace Corps, the Menorah Club and the Biology Squad. He is an important member of the tennis team and played first doubles last season. He is also a member of the Community Basketball League.

As for the future, Barry is interested in pursuing a medical career and has applied to Union College, Columbia University, Cornell University and Harpur College. At one of

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'64 Graduate Wins Essay Competition On Civil Service

By Alice Nielsen

"The civil service merit system is sweeping away the flimsy barriers of race, religion, and national origin through its unbiased selection of applicants based on competitive examinations."

This is the theme of a prize-winning essay, "The Role of a Merit System in a Democracy," written by Diane Gabrielsen, a 1964 graduate.

Diane's essay won first prize for fourth year high school students—a $300 savings bond—in a contest sponsored by the New York City civil service last year. The bond was donated by the Humble Oil and Refining Company.

Article Is Published

Last August the editors of *Good Government* — a magazine published by the National Civil Service League —sent her a letter requesting permission to print it. Her article appears in the Autumn, 1964 issue of the magazine.

Diane based her essay on the premise: "Of all the advances a nation can make, none is so towering a success as the correction of a past mistake." She describes the civil service merit system as a correction of the former "spoils" system and as an instrument of democracy through its reliance on excellence as the only qualification for a position.

Diane is now studying at St. Olaf College, Northfield, Minnesota. She is majoring in biology but is considering changing her major to English.

While in Fort Hamilton, Diane was editor of the *Anchor*, school literary magazine. She was active in Arista and the Psychology Club. Her sister Jeanne is a sophomore in 2B16.

PTA to Discuss School Dropouts

The PTA will hold a meeting on the problem of school dropouts, Monday, Jan. 25, at 8 P.M.

Speakers on this significant topic will be Miss Leonore Simon, Guidance Counselor; Mr. Edward Goate, Pre-Admission Counselor; and Mr. Roy Jacobsen, Assistant Dean of Boys.

On Nov. 23 the PTA held a "College Night." Mrs. Edith Brill, Assistant in Secondary School Relations at Brooklyn College, and Mr. James Keating, Assistant Dean of Students at New York City Community College, discussed the problems involved in qualifying for a college and in staying there.

6 Attend Saturday Science Seminars

Six Fort Hamiltonites are attending a series of Saturday science seminars organized by the Industry-Education Committee of the Office of Science Education.

They are: Tom Malatino, 4A1; Otto Sirnes, 4A7; Demetrius Theodorellis, 4B12; Harriett Goldberg, 4A15; Marie Quartararo, 3A13; Richard Topping, 4A7.

Research scientists and engineers of Bell Laboratories, Chas. Pfizer, Con Edison, Esso, IBM, RCA, Shell Oil, Union Carbide, and U.S. Steel are cooperating in delivering prepared lecture-demonstrations on frontiers of science.

Arista Gives Pins to 79 At Impressive Ceremony

By Denise Liotis

At an impressive and solemn ceremony yesterday 79 students were inducted into Arista, school honor society. They had been carefully selected on the basis of character, scholarship and service.

The assembly followed the pattern traditional with Arista assemblies. There was the dignified entrance march of the candidates—the girls in white dresses, the boys in dark suits.

This was followed by the candlelighting ceremony, with Barry Poret, Boy Leader, lighting the candle symbolizing scholarship; Agneta Holm, Girl Leader, the candle for service; and Carol Jensen, secretary, the candle for character. Lee Brautman, treasurer, also assisted in the ceremony.

The candidates recited the Arista pledge, in which each student vowed to "realize in scholarship and in self-directed conduct the highest ideals of high school students." Each Arista member was presented with a pin beautifully enameled in the school colors, blue and white.

Members of the faculty who participated in the ceremony were Mr. Jon B. Leder, principal; Mr. James L. Quigley and Mr. Morton G. Stone, administrative assistants; Mrs. Mary Catania, Arista adviser; and Miss Mary Jermanok, assistant dean of Arista. The present Arista members, elected last year, were also on the stage.

The audience consisted of members of the faculty, members of the Junior Class, and parents.

Jeannette Ng spoke for all the new members when she said, "To me, being a member of the Arista society is a very great honor. I am proud to have been elected."

New Members

Sandra Aboud, Camille Acacia, Christine Andersen, Ruth Aslaksen, Kathryn Bevacqua, Ellen Bie, Barbara Boyer, Paul Brachfeld, Kather-

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Music to Set Holiday Mood

By Marcia Lehrman

The Christmas mood will be set by four music assemblies under the supervision of Mr. Herbert Lessell, chairman of the Music Department. They will take place Dec. 9, 16, 22, and 23.

Participating groups will be the orchestra, conducted by Mrs. Ethel Koff; the senior band, conducted by Mr. Gerald Heffron; the girls chorus, headed by Mrs. Marie Salzberg; and the boys and mixed choruses, headed by Mr. Lessell.

"Susan Belle," "Brother, Lift Your Voices," "Sing We Now of Christmas," and "The Babe in Bethlehem's Manger Laid" will be sung by the boys chorus.

At Two Assemblies

The girls chorus will sing "Love Can Be Dreamed," from Strauss's operetta *The Gypsy Baron;* "Carol of the Bells" and "Hava Nagilah," the latter in celebration of the Jewish holiday Chanukah. These two choral groups will perform at the freshman and junior assemblies.

The mixed chorus will sing "The Christmas Song," "Twelve Days of Christmas," "O Santissima," "The Glory of the Lord," from Handel's *Messiah,* and "Oh, This Good Christmas Morn."

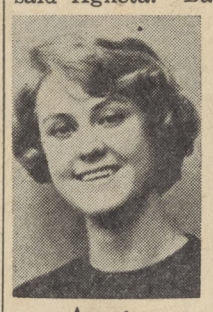
Girl Leader Agneta Holm To Teach Math in Sweden

By Jayne Kaplan

Brown-eyed, fair-haired, and light-hearted are words that describe Agneta Holm, 4A7, this year's girl leader of Arista.

The Arista members—who are selected on the basis of high scholarship, service and character — annually choose a girl leader, boy leader, secretary, and treasurer for the subsequent year.

"I fully appreciate the tremendous honor that has been given to me," said Agneta. "Barry and and I will work diligently to make the Arista an organization which the entire school can continue to be proud of."



Agneta

Swedish-born Agneta, who is proud of her Scandinavian heritage, plans to return to her native land to attend Trollhattan's Larvoverk College. She will stay with her aunt, who remained in Sweden when Agneta's parents came to America. After graduation she plans to teach mathematics in Sweden.

Math a Challenge

"I enjoy the challenge of mathematics," she said enthusiastically. "I hope to show students what a fascinating subject it can be."

Agneta also enjoys languages. She is taking fourth year French here and is studying German in the evening at Charles Evans Hughes High School.

Her outside interests are varied and include sketching and music. "And I just love to read."

In Various Clubs

Agneta has been a member of the Rembrandt, Gymnastics, and Biology Clubs. In her sophomore year she belonged to Junior Orchestra. When she was a freshman she won first prize in the Window-painting Contest.

Although Agneta is deeply preoccupied with her academic studies, she also finds time to include athletics. Her favorite winter sport is skiing, in which she participates at Bel-Ayre in upstate New York. In the summertime she enjoys swimming.

Agneta's personality is well expressed in the words of her co-worker, Barry Poret: "Her enthusiasm helps make our Arista duties truly enjoyable."

Congratulations, Arista

Yesterday 79 students were inducted into Arista, the school honor society.

Election to membership in this organization is indeed a cause for pride, for it represents outstanding merit in scholarship, service and character.

Arista members strive not only to better themselves but to better the school by virtue of their enthusiasm and special talent.

Furthermore, from the Arista societies throughout the nation will come many of the outstanding citizens of tomorrow, representing the United States in every major area of activity.

Because we recognize this fact, we extend well-deserved congratulations to the newly inducted members. To the freshmen and sophomores who may be eligible for membership soon, we say, "Try hard, for the goal is worth it."

The Happy Season

Soon there will be snow on the ground, the scent of pine trees in the air, and the holiday spirit everywhere.

In other parts of the world there are also indications of the holiday spirit. In Scandinavia farmers put out a sheaf of grain to give the birds a Christmas dinner. Czechoslovakians leave one chair empty at the dinner table for the Christ Child.

In Ireland boys carry a caged wren from house to house, singing carols and asking for treats. Hawaiian children believe Santa comes to the Islands in a boat.

Children in Alaska go from door to door carrying a large paper star. Befana, a kindly old woman, brings gifts to Italian children.

No matter how it is celebrated, the holiday season brings "peace on earth, good will toward men." As we trim the Christmas tree or light the candles of the Menorah, let us remember this: a little thought can make life more pleasant for those around us, and small actions frequently indicate great ideals.

Let's make it the season of "good will toward men."

A Dream Come True

Five years ago the Verrazano-Narrows Bridge was a dream. During these five years the dream developed into blueprints, and the blueprints miraculously materialized. A week ago last Saturday the bridge was opened to the public.

When the steel towers began to rise in 1961, citizens near the construction site complained bitterly of the noise and of the destruction of Staten Island's rural atmosphere. However, the advantages of the bridge are important.

It is expected that traffic will double on Staten Island's three bridges as a result of the new bridge. By facilitating travel from Brooklyn to Staten Island, development of the Island will be greatly stimulated. Furthermore, a new route is provided to link Brooklynites with Jerseyites.

The editors salute all those who put so much work and effort into our bridge—the engineers, the steel workers, the truck drivers, the road builders, and the many others who made it possible.

A Fine Job

When our team emerges victorious at basketball games, the players and the coach are given credit for the victory, and rightly so. But a group that deserves a good measure of credit is the cheerleaders and boosters.

The average person little realizes what the support of the spectators means to a basketball team. When the players know that the crowd is behind them they get that extra spark that can often spell victory in a close game.

The cheerleaders and boosters help supply spectator support for the teams and indirectly promote school spirit. The girls not only lead the cheers, but also create an enthusiastic intermission. Though the cheerleaders and boosters may be unsung, they are not overlooked.

Congratulations on a fine job!

Join a Club!

Would you like to analyze motivations? Dissect frogs? Speak French? Play volleyball? These are only a few of the activities taking place in clubs meeting after school.

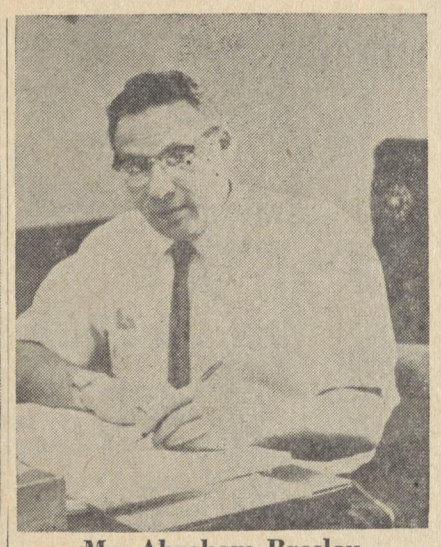
From these clubs you derive not only pleasure, but also worthwhile knowledge. You meet many people who share your interests. Many of the clubs go on exciting field trips, and some give parties before the Christmas holidays or at the end of the school year.

A list of the clubs—with the rooms they meet in, the days of the week, and the faculty advisers—may be found on the bulletin board in the lobby.

Now is the time to join the clubs of your choice!

A Cordial Welcome

Miss Catharine Sheehy



Mr. Abraham Breslau

New Chairmen Happy To Be at Fort Hamilton

By Deborah Charney

To the tune of clicking typewriters in adjacent classrooms, your reporter interviewed Miss Catharine Sheehy, Fort Hamilton's new chairman of the Accounting Department.

"I am very happy to be a member of the faculty here," she said quietly. "It's a bit strange to be in a co-educational school." She smiled, "You see, Walton High School, the school where I taught before coming here, is an all-girls school."

Miss Sheehy is a native New Yorker, having been born in Manhattan. As a child, she attended the local elementary schools and later James Monroe High in the Bronx. She graduated from Hunter College where she majored in statistics and minored in economics.

It Started in College

How did she become interested in accounting? "In college, accounting and economics were in the same department, and it was necessary to take accounting in conjuction with courses in statistics and economics," she said. "After taking several courses in accounting, I realized that my main interest was in this area."

Miss Sheehy's outside interests center around the theatre, travel, sewing, and reading. She attends the theatre one a month and recently saw the performance of Christopher Marlowe's "Doctor Faustus" at the Phoenix Theater, an off-Broadway playhouse.

Likes to Sew

She sews most of the clothes she wears and enjoys creating new designs and styles. "Like most women, I like window shopping in the large department stores," she laughed.

Miss Sheehy is particularly fond of informative books on economics, consumer buying, and finance. She would like to have more time to read, but marking papers and other teaching duties make it difficult for her to find it.

By Helene Smith

Last year Mr. Abraham Breslau was given the $1,000 Nichols Foundation Award of the American Chemical Society as the Outstanding Chemistry Teacher of the year. Three months ago, with the opening of the school term, he joined the Fort Hamilton faculty as chairman of the Science Department. The two facts are not related, but they do indicate how fortunate this school is.

Mr. Breslau began his career as a lab assistant in the fields of physics and chemistry—a career temporarily interrupted when he joined the Military Service in World War II.

Taught at Bushwick

When he returned from the war he became a chemistry teacher and taught at Bushwick High School. Among his other duties there were those of G.O. adviser for eight years. He also supervised the G.O. store, was Grade Adviser for Gifted Students, and Lateness Coordinator.

Active in college teaching, Mr. Breslau was an instructor at the University of Rochester's National Science Foundation Institute for High School Science Teachers. He taught in the evening session of Queens College for four years, and received a Shell Merit Fellowship at Cornell University in 1959.

Attended Brown University

Last summer he attended Brown University, where he studied the "Chemical Bond Approach," a new method for teaching chemistry.

Mr. Breslau is married and has one child, Judy. His wife is a psychiatric social worker for the Special Reading Service of the Board of Education.

Though the new science chairman is just getting to know the school and the students, he says, "Everything seems so much better than I had hoped for. I will do all I can to contribute something towards improving what appears to be a very fine school."

While You're At It, Santa...

Corcoran's Corner

By Ethel Corcoran

Okay, I'll be honest about it. I wracked my brains for five minutes and 33 seconds, tore up 63½ thoroughly rotten ideas, ate a pencil, and then admitted to myself that I couldn't think up an idea for this month's column. What can the editors do to me? Ten lashes with a wet noodle? Bamboo shoots under my fingernails? A scalded mouth with boiling printer's ink?

Corky

This is the Christmas issue. Now, every columnist since 1378 has written letters to Santa Claus. Can you imagine what people thought when last year I, a fifteen-year-old, red-blooded American girl, wrote letters to Santa Claus, mailed them, and received answers to them? There were a lot of strange men in white coats around my house for a long time. No more Santa Claus letters from me, thank you.

It Wouldn't Work

Then I tried to write a satire on a certain magazine that is printed annually by this school. I figured I would write a seven-hundred-word *poem* and show how I would change it. I would be famous and the poem would be printed in great literary magazines like the *Farmer's Almanac*, or on the inside of cigarette packages. Not only couldn't I get two lines to rhyme, but I figured I might get taken to court and be sued for every Indian-head penny I own; so I decided to take a safer topic.

It's Not So Easy

I though maybe I could fake it by rewriting the Constitution with some snazzy amendments, or rewrite one of last year's columns; but I knew that someone would remember it and spread it around that poor old Corky was losing her touch, and then they would take up a collection to buy me a book entitled "One Thousand and One Funny Columns That Can Be Copied With No Fear of Being Thrown Into Jail for Plagiarism.'

Elizabeth Barrett Browning I'm not, but I thought I might put a simple (and I do mean simple) little poem in my column for variety. Sorry, there is no hidden message (if you can find one you'll get a free bag of stale Halloween candy) and no artistic symbolism. So here goes my one and only poetic attempt:

To Romeo from Juliet, 1964

You are the Dave Clark I'll never meet,
You are my motor scooter that can't be beat,
You are the black sheath I fought so hard for,
You are the lace stockings that I adore;
You are James Bond, so suave and bold,
You are my dream city lined with gold,
You are everything I long to be,
All this and much, much more you are to me.

Didn't that bring a tear to your eye and a lump to your throat? No? Well, it didn't do anything to me either.

This column could have geen great. I had an idea that was a positive stroke of genius. I begged Mr. Solovay to take the *Pilot* funds for the rest of the year and send me to England, freight class, to interview anybody I could get my hands on. But he refused. Maybe that's why I drew a big, fat blank this month.

Oh, well, maybe if I nag him long enough he'll put me in a big envelope with an airmail stamp on it and send me over. Only thing I'm afraid of is that he might not give me enough postage money to get back. On second thought, that's not a bad idea.

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Keglers Defeat Erasmus; Seek Division Title

The bowling team, under the guidance of Mr. Harry Flaster, has played three exhibition games at Leemark Lanes. They split with New Utrecht but easily defeated Erasmus.

Members of the squad are Sam Telegadis, Jeff Nash, Bill Doran, Tom Kendricks, Carmine Guiga, Tony Moratea and Charles Eichler.

Tom Kendricks, anchorman, has dominated the pre-season circuit with scores above 200. The practice contests tend to indicate that many players have improved their game over the summer. The keglers hope to win the division, although they were satisfied with last year's second place finish.

Schedule Incomplete

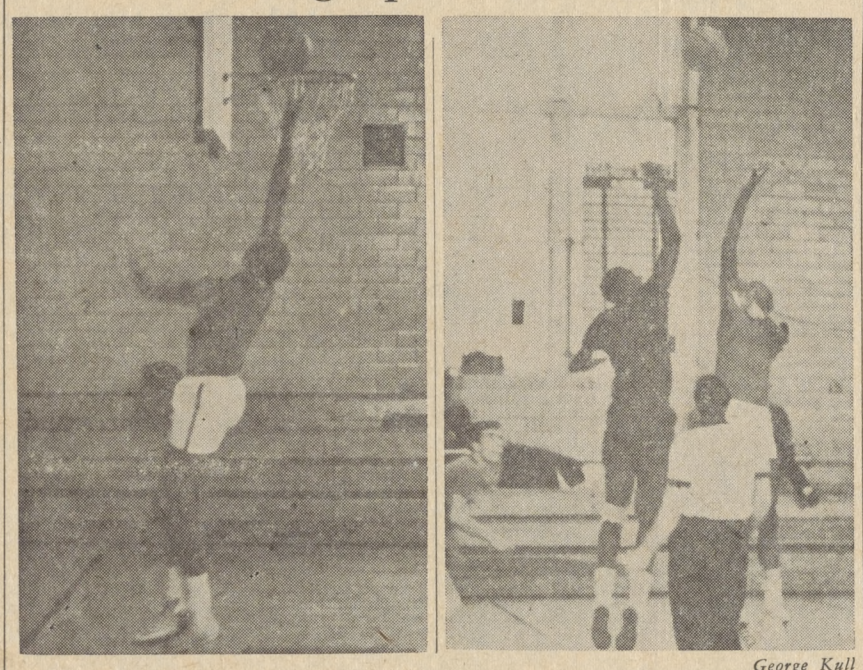
Although the schedule has not been completed, the first three conference battles will take place with New Utrecht, Grady and Lincoln. This season Lafayette seems to be the team to beat. There will be twelve matches, two against each of the six teams in the league.

According to the new rules, a contest consists of three games. The team that takes two out of three is considered the winner of the match. Even if a team loses the first two games, the third must be played. Four students may bowl in the first game, but a new group must play in the second. Any member of the team may bowl in the final match.

Jeff Nash, a standout from last season, remarked hopefully, "We are still searching the school for talent to add to our roster."

Said Mr. Flaster with reference to the team's chances, "It will be a season of ups and downs, mostly ups, I hope!"

Warming Up for the Season



George Kull

Left: Leon Parks all alone for two points in the scrimmage against Lane. Right: Gene Pendarvis jumps as Ken May gets ready at the start of the scrimmage session.

Booters Kick Way to 3rd Place; Harriers 6th in City Champs

The soccer team, with a 6-2 record and a tie, finished third in its division. The two losses were by the same narrow margin of one goal: 2-1 to Lincoln and 1-0 to Brooklyn Tech.

The team defeated Grady 4-0, Madison 3-1, Jay 3-1, Utrecht 1-0, Sheepshead 4-0, and Eastern District 2-1.

Coach Richard Cohen expressed praise for the fine work of goalie Elio Bercarich, who allowed a total of only six goals all season for an average of .66 goals per game.

The booters scored thirty goals for an average of 3.3 goals per game, George Minisci making seventeen.

The cross-country track team took sixth place in the PSAL City Championships at Van Cortlandt Park Nov. 7.

In the 2½ mile race, in which 175 boys from 25 schools participated, Fidel Cornell, captain of the team, took second place, while Kenneth Neilson placed fifth. Their running times were 14:17 and 14:22 respectively.

Other members of the team were Peter Ramos, James Deligianes, Jerry McGlyn, Stan Hom and Dan Byrnes.

Said Mr. Thomas McGrath, coach, "I'm very happy with the performance of Fidel and Ken. I believe that they will go far in athletics and will uphold the name of Fort Hamilton."

The boys have been training for the PSAL meet, the last of the cross-country races, since September.

Team Trounces Midwood In First PSAL Game

By Bob McKaba

After going undefeated in their scrimmage season, the Fort Hamilton Rebels, coached by Mr. Kenneth Kern, opened the regular season by trouncing Midwood, 57-27, on the loser's court.

The team was unable to get untracked early in the game, but its fine defensive play prevented Midwood from scoring. Late in the first quarter the Blue and White began to utilize the fast break with Co-Captain Ken May scoring nine of the thirteen points. The boys continued the attack in the second period and held a 31-14 lead at halftime.

At the start of the second half the team again began slowly, but suddenly caught fire and moved out to a 48-21 lead at the end of the third period.

Subs Up the Lead

In the fourth quarter Coach Kern cleared the bench and played all his substitutes. The subs were impressive in upping the lead to the final margin of thirty points.

Ken May led the scoring with eighteen points and five assists, high for the game. Gene Pendarvis tallied nine points and took fifteen rebounds. Co-Captain Leon Parks had eight markers.

Said Mr. Kern "This is the best team that Fort Hamilton has ever had. It has height and speed and executes the fast break very well. But the most important asset is its team spirit."

League Season Starts Tomorrow

Other games played were against Adelphi, Xaverian (our traditional rival) and Brooklyn Tech. Tomorrow night the Rebels open their league season with Sheepshead Bay on the Sheepshead Bay court.

During the team's scrimmage season the Blue and White beat Franklin K. Lane 66-53, Westinghouse 63-51, Tilden 53-50, New Dorp 110-29, Wingate 84-82, and McKee 64-54.

Other members of the varsity are Artie Andino, Doug Bernhardt, Bob Breuer, Al Harris, Bob Macready, Earl Pendarvis, Ken Pederson, Bill Reeves, Jimmy Taylor, and sophomores Timothy Allmond and Herbert Marche.

Sports Deck

By Bob Breuer

This was an Olympic year. In Tokyo men and women from countries throughout the world competed against each other. The United States, according to some, did well because she won more gold medals than Russia did.

Bob

Others point out that Russia won more total medals than the United States. More and more this is what the Olympics are becoming, a comparison between the USSR and the United States.

In the Olympics there are controversies over the method of scoring and the definition of amateurism. Both of these revert to the conflict between the United States and Russia. Of course the honor of individual countries is important, but the emphasis in Olympic sports should be on athletes, not countries.

Winning Not Important

The Olympic creed states that the important thing is not winning but taking part. Today very few athletes hold this creed to be strictly true. Winning is very important, and every athlete goes to the Olympics with the hope of obtaining a gold medal.

But the important "lesson" that could be learned is that men and women from different countries, from different political systems, or of dif-

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Parks, a Late Bloomer, One of Quintet's Best

By Bob Breuer

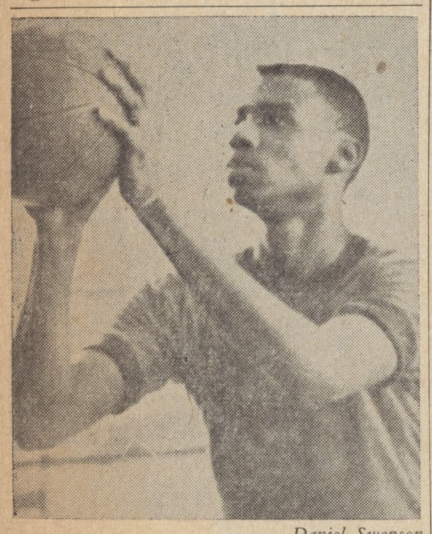
The pass goes underneath to Leon. He spins and scores two points for the Rebels. It is this patented spin shot that enabled 6'3½" Leon Parks to lead the basketball team in scoring last year.

Said Mr. Kenneth Kern of the co-captain, "Leon works very hard in practice. Whenever he is on the basketball court he gives 100% and thus sets an example for the other players."

Although Leon is a hard worker in practice, it is in action that he really excels. He averaged 12.1 points a game in league play last year, and 12.4 points overall. The co-captain scored in double figures twelve times with peak efforts of 20, 21 and 22 points. Leon was also second on the team in rebounds.

All-City Mention

For his ability he received an All-City Honorable Mention in the Journal American. He plans to attend college after graduation and has already



Daniel Swenson

Leon

received scholarship offers from Hofstra, Wagner and Rutgers.

Leon's basketball skill was late in developing. He did not play for his junior high school, but in his sophomore year he started for Fort Hamil-

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Speedball Club Goes Into Action

The combination of two popular sports, soccer and basketball, has created a new club in the Girls Health Education Department, the Speedball Club.

Under the direction of Miss Janet Thomson, a group of interested girls meets in the gym or on the athletic field to practice the game.

Said Miss Thomson, "In a club, girls are better able to develop skills because they can play an entire game in actual competitive situations."

Speedball is not a newly invented sport, having been popular in the United States for many years. However, this is the first time it has been played in this school.

"At present we have just enough members for two teams," said the adviser. "I would like to see more girls become interested in this sport and join the Speedball Club."

Interested students should see Miss Thomson in the Girls Health Ed. Office or at the weekly club meetings on Mondays in the gym or on the field.

Folk Dancing Club Appeals to Girls

Every Thursday afternoon room 258 is alive with girls interested in having fun. These girls belong to a new health education group, the Folk Dancing Club, under the direction of Miss Sarah Velez.

The members learn European and Asiatic dances, as well as American ones. First they acquaint themselves with the history of the dances, then Miss Velez gives them step-by-step instruction.

Asked why she organized this new club, the teacher explained, "Dancing has always been one of my favorite pastimes. I feel that girls should know more about folk dances, especially about those which are traditionally American."

Barry Poret

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these schools he hopes to prepare for a career in psychiatry.

Why psychiatry? "The opportunity to study psychiatry has always intrigued me. I discover a challenge in speaking to people with problems, and anticipate the joy I would have were I able to help solve them."

Barry's summers are spent at a camp in Pennsylvania. There, besides indulging in the sports he enjoys, he catches up on his reading. *Brave New World, Catcher in the Rye, The Separate Peace* and *Mila 18* were a few of the volumes he read during the last vacation.

Marksmen Lose To Tech Champs

The rifle team fired a blank in its first encounter of the year, losing to Brooklyn Tech, division champions for the past six seasons.

The team has only three lettermen: Captain Wade Kirdahi and Co-captains David Arlen and Charles Rose. The remaining members are Andy Hammen, Bob Holmes and Phil Sabella.

In the match with Tech a member of the starting team was absent. Despite the defeat, Mr. Robert Yost, coach, is optimistic about the season. "Although we have lost most of the varsity, I think that our new boys can ably fill the gap left by the graduates. With a little effort we should wind up high in our division."

Last year the team finished third, with a 9-5 record.

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Butterfly Collector Says Hobby Points to Career

By Susan Harwin

A keen sense of observation was the springboard for a fascinating and valuable hobby—butterfly collecting.

Paul Steinberg, 2B12, started this hobby several years ago when the presence of cocoons on a tree along Shore Road intrigued him. He began his collection with a large, common New York State moth, the cynthia, found on the ailanthus, "the tree that grows in Brooklyn." Since then he has studied this species and, through careful mating, has improved it.

'Hundreds of Books'

This affable sophomore, who has done much breeding of butterflies and moths, has read "hundreds of books" about insects. His hobby may prove valuable in the future, for he is interested in entomology—the scientific study of insects—as a possible career. Actually, Paul is interested in any form of natural history, but prefers moths and buttterflies.

"I do this mostly for fun," he said, "but it is very educational. The study of moths is also important to the government in the development of new pesticides and insecticides."

An Unusual Variety

An unusual variety is the Polyphemus moth, which derives its name from the legendary Cyclops. It has two large "eye" spots. Its unique trait is that it doesn't eat, but exists only to mate and perpetuate the species. It dies several days after mating.

Paul had his first project on exhibition recently in a third floor science display case. It contained an Attacus Atlas butterfly, of Australian origin, whose foot-and-a-half wingspan makes it the largest in the world. The display also enumerated the differences between moths and butterflies.

Leon Parks

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ton. Last year, as a junior, he improved on his sophomore year, and this year promises to be his best.

Wants Division Championship

Asked about his goals, Leon replied, "A division championship for Fort Hamilton! Fort Hamilton's teams have never won a division title, and the basketball team would like to be the first. We have a fine team and everyone on it wants to win!"

Leon was formerly a member of the band and the Junior Peace Corps. At present he is active in community affairs. He is a member of the New York City Youth Board and an assistant Sunday School teacher.

Sports Deck

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ferent color, can meet each other, compete with all their individual skills, and afterwards have mutual respect for each other.

Olympics Now Political

But this is not what the Olympics have been recently. The United States Olympic basketball team, which has never lost an Olympic game, heard comments to the effect that they had better not come home if they lost to the Russians. Individual performances were covered by the press, but they were mainly the performances of athletes from Russia or the United States. Great individual accomplishments, such as the one by Peter Snell of New Zealand, were passed over lightly.

Red Cross Club Divides in Two

The Red Cross Club took on amoeba-like qualities at the first meeting, Oct. 27, and divided into two parts.

One remained the Red Cross Club, the other became the Future Nurses Club. Both will emphasize service to the community and will work side by side toward the fulfillment of this aim.

Under the supervision of Mrs. Frances Fahey, teacher of nutrition and home nursing, the clubs meet after school on Wednesdays in 253.

Language Clubs Combine Gaiety With Culture

"Forsan et haec olim meminisse iuvabit." ("Perhaps this also will be a pleasure to remember.") So Mrs. Lola Caesar, Latin teacher, summed up Socii Romae, the Friends of Rome.

The members of the Latin Club certainly agree. They plan to hold a Saturnalia Friday, Dec. 18, with a dance band, the Chantays, on hand.

The Saturnalia is a day on which all ranks are reversed. The services of the senators (third year Latin students) and the patricians (second year students) will be auctioned off to the highest bidder among the plebes (first year students). Everyone will wear a Roman costume.

Other plans pending are a trip to see *The Trojan Woman*, by Euripides, and an Olympic Day with another school.

Officers of the club are: Caesar: Mrs. Caesar; Consuls: Elaine Andreadis and Luigi DeMaio; Treasurer-Scribe: Carol Williams; Secretary-Scribe: Alice Nielsen; Tribunes: George Neus and Charles Eichler.

Recently the Latin Club viewed slides of Greece and Rome taken by Mr. Jacob C. Solovay, *Pilot* adviser, on a European trip. The members also visited the Cloisters two weeks ago.

"The purpose of the French Club is to increase student interest in the culture, language and life of France," said adviser Mrs. Gertrude Berns.

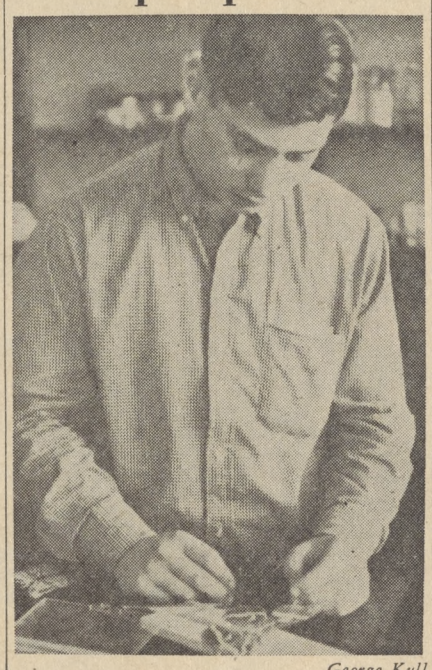
The club meets every second Tuesday in room 200. A committee organizes programs that stimulate group participation.

By performing skits and learning French games, students have been able to increase their ability to speak the French language. The members also hold informative discussions, conducted in French, which present the different aspects of French life.

President of the club is Judy Warshaver; Vice-President, Julie Kelter; Secretary, Wendy Stene; Treasurer, Jimmy Hom.

The group, which numbers 45, will hold a Christmas party in the teachers cafeteria and will end the year by dining at a French restaurant.

Lepidopterist



George Kull

Paul Steinberg at work in his "laboratory."

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William Stillwell, Andrea Stone, Demetrius Theodorellis, Catherine Viksjo, Judy Warshaver, Susan Wilson.

Soph Says Parents Turn Deaf Ear to His Excuses

(From time to time, as space permits, the Pilot *publishes outstanding compositions by students. The one below was written by Scott Sanders, a sophomore in English 2H7. It was entitled "The Excuse Didn't Work.")*

"The world has no use for the man with an excuse." Yet we continually try to correct our errors with verbal twists to justify our mistakes.

Here is a situation that may occur in the average household. A boy is late for dinner one evening. Naturally, his parents want an explanation. There are many excuses he could use (I know a number of them from experience). The boy presents his excuse with a truthful, sympathetic expression on his face: "Somebody gave me the wrong time. It's really not my fault. Anyway, I thought we were eating later."

Parents Don't Believe Him

The young fellow is astonished when his parents say they don't believe him. Thus he must resort to: "Really, mother, I'm an energetic, impetuous lad who needs some exercise and fresh air."

Usually the youngster is punished. His punishment may be severe (perhaps no television for a few days) or trivial. Knowing he has lost, he retreats to the safety of his room. After careful meditation, he suddenly races back to the battlefront, eager to win. He will try to redeem his mistakes and lighten the punishment.

A Cautious Move

Making sure that his hands and face are washed, the defendant approaches his parents cautiously. He does not distract them while they are busy. He attacks when they are having a leisurely time reading. Descending upon them cheerfully and remembering to praise his mother's cooking, he says, "Mother, the chopped egg salad sandwich tasted like a delicious sirloin steak made for the President, and your hair is absolutely gorgeous."

Choose Excuses Wisely

After a few years of experience, one should learn to use a more intelligent excuse—one that sometimes works. Try to avoid your parents' questions. Be alert and quick. When asked why you are late, say excitedly, "I was the only one in my French class to get a hundred on the test!"

If that doesn't straighten things out, try to show your parents a twisted ankle that slowed you down. If you are still unsuccessful and are very desperate, explain that it was your manifest destiny to be late.

P.S. Nothing ever worked with my parents, but the best of luck to you.

Juniors, Seniors In Bowl Match

Juniors challenged seniors last week in the final round of the Hamilton Bowl. In a game requiring quick recall of specific facts, four students competed for the championship of their grade and, later, the school.

Said Mr. Maurie Pelkonen, adviser of the teams, "Our program is intended for the fun and entertainment of the assembly group audiences. In presenting it, we show the ability and intelligence of Fort Hamilton High School students?"

The winning team of seniors consisted of Jayne Kaplan, Jan Klein, Judy Kramer and George Maccabee. The winning juniors were Lynette Ganim, Patrick Hylton, Charles Klein and Ingrid Olsson. Unfortunately, at the time the *Pilot* went to press, the results of the championship match were not available.

In each contest, Mr. Pelkonen acted as master of ceremonies, while Miss Veronica Briody and Miss Alice Xenakis served as judges.

Students were selected on the basis of recommendations of their English teachers. Questions used in the competition were submitted by the various departments.

Psychology Club Analyzes Illnesses

Schizophrenia, hysteria, and alcoholism are only three of the many topics under discussion at the Psychology Club, directed by Mr. Henry Kamin.

The club currently consists of twenty members and meets Wednesdays after school. Requirements for membership are regular attendance and participation. An avid interest in the subject, seriousness, intelligence and perseverance are expected of its members.

"We hope to attend outside activities in psychology as a group," said the amiable adviser. "We also plan to allot time to the discussion of personal problems in human relations."

The members will use textbooks and will attend the club as if it were a class. Regular attendance will be equivalent to a freshman course in college.

Occasionally the members will switch from the textbooks to a discussion of their own interests and problems.

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